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<b>DECLARATION FOR UTILITY OR DESIGN PATENT APPLICATION</b>		<b>Attorney Docket No.</b>	<b>HZA-0002</b>
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		<b>Application No.</b>	<b>10/563,284</b>
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**IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS, IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD AND  
PROGRAM AND RECORDING MEDIUM**

(Title of the Invention)

the specification of which  
is attached hereto

or

was filed on **March 24, 2004**, as PCT Application Number **PCT/JP2004/004085**.

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Prior Foreign Application Number(s)	Country	Foreign Filing Date (MM/DD/YY)	Priority Not claimed	Certified Copy Attached YES NO
<b>2003-270889</b>	<b>Japan</b>	<b>07/04/2003</b>		

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